

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Bernard A. Clark, et al

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Group Art Unit: 1752

Examiner: Visconti, Geraldina

Sir:

RESPONSE

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action dated May 21, 2007. There are no amendments to the claims or otherwise.

The Examiner has rejected the subject application under 35 USC 102 (e) over Miki (US 7,074,550) or Toyoda (US 7,115,356). It is believed that neither of these reference qualifies as prior art under the cited stated provision. The present application claims a priority of GB 0323282.4 filed on 04 October 2003. The certified copy of the British application was supplied on 31 March 2006 thus perfecting the priority date of 04 October 2003. On the other hand, the two cited references are entitled to their US filing dates of September 23, 2004. Accordingly, the two cited references do not qualify as prior art and the outstanding rejections should be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,



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